

I-405 and Eastside Projects Update

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As of 8:56 a.m. today, <u>all lanes of northbound I-405 were reopened</u> at NE 124th Street in Kirkland. Northbound I-405 had been completely closed since 10 p.m. Friday so crews could lower a section of the freeway. The original schedule called for possibly having northbound I-405 closed through Monday afternoon's commute.

Both directions of <u>SR 9 through Maltby also reopened at 4 a.m. today</u>. Drivers are urged to travel through this area with caution because steel plates have been placed across the roadway, covering the work area. Crews were unable to pave over the trench in time for this morning's commute. The contractor will complete the paving overnight this week.

Eastside drivers did themselves a favor by making good decisions on where and when to travel this past weekend. WSDOT construction workers, traffic engineers and communications workers want to give thanks to all who cooperated in this effort. Our preliminary traffic data shows that you chose alternate routes, shared rides, and rescheduled your trips to help reduce backups. It's been proven over and over that when you make travel adjustments, you significantly help to reduce congestion from major closures like these.

This weekend marked the most intense period of construction activities on Eastside highways this summer, but our work will continue to affect traffic during this busy construction season. Please continue to read our e-mail updates and visit our Web site to get the latest information.

I-405 travel options

We're <u>helping you get around</u> during I-405 construction. Use the <u>online trip planner</u> and take advantage of additional service in Kirkland: <u>new Metro route 644</u>, <u>expanded Metro route 255</u>.

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